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Summary

1. (C) We look forward to your visit. Turkey is a strong ally in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), facilitating the distribution of critical
2. (S/NF) Turkey is a key player in a number of issues that come under your command, chiefly connected to OIF and the GWOT:
--58% of all supplies flowing into Iraq by air use the multi-directional cargo hub at Incirlik Air Base.
--25% of sustainment fuel for the coalition flows over the Turkey-Iraq border crossing at Habur Gate, as do many other key supplies for our trc
--We are now in informal discussion with the GOT to use Turkish roads and ports to retrograde excess equipment and material from Iraq. Retrograde
--Turkey has signaled its interest in working with us on repairing Nasosnaya Air Base in Azerbaijan; you should seek senior Turkish military cc
--The Turkish military had allowed us to use Incirlik as a refueling stop for Operation FUNDAMENTAL JUSTICE detainee movement operations since

Bilateral Relationship Improving

3. (S) During her April 25 visit to Ankara, Secretary Rice and FM Gul announced our intention to set up a formal and regular senior-level strategic dialogue between the U.S. and Turkey.
A PARTNER IN GWOT

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Iraq

4. (SBU) Turkey's agreement to allow the use of its territory as a logistical hub has been a crucial asset in our Iraq operations. Two-thirds of the coalition's retrograde equipment and material is processed through Turkey.
Retrograde

5. (SBU) On behalf of CENTCOM, we are informally coordinating with TGS and the MFA with respect to gaining Government of Turkey approval to use Turkey as a transit point for U.S. military equipment and personnel to Afghanistan: Good New Story

6. (SBU) Turkey has twice successfully led the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, most recently from February to February 2006.
PKK

7. (S/NF) The PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party, which seeks to carve off the primarily Kurdish portion of eastern Turkey by force of arms) has intensified its efforts to increase pressure on the GOT to take decisive measures to cope with the problem, including attacking PKK strongholds in northern Iraq, which it has done on several occasions.
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8. (C) Secretary Rice told GOT leaders April 25 that the U.S. will reinvigorate trilateral (U.S.-Turkey-Iraq) discussions on the issue. While the U.S. remains committed to a comprehensive approach to the PKK threat, we are also committed to a more focused effort to address the PKK threat:
9. (S) If you are confronted with this issue, you can point to significant efforts the USG is undertaking to ameliorate the PKK threat:
--Sharing of sensitive intelligence on PKK activities within Turkey, which have led to successful Turkish COIN operations.
--MNF-I surveillance flights over PKK camps in northern Iraq, which have also had a salutary effect in terms of psyops.
--An intelligence fusion cell which meets weekly in Ankara to pass information to the Turkish military on PKK activities.
--A new initiative to work with Turkey on building law enforcement cases against PKK operatives in Europe.

OTHER KEY ISSUES

Iran

10. (S) Secretary Rice personally informed Foreign Minister Gul May 31 of the U.S. initiative to join with the EU-3 in negotiations with Iran' to resolve the nuclear issue.
An Opening on Nasosnaya?

11. (C) As part of a continuing effort in the Caucasus, the U.S. and allies continue to promote collective assistance to Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. The U.S. has provided significant assistance to Azerbaijan, including the purchase of F-16 fighter jets.
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perform the upgrade has been informally sent to the TGS J5 on several occasions. While the military has not responded to our entreaties in Ankara, the U.S. remains committed to a comprehensive approach to the PKK threat.
Defense Industry Cooperation Declining

12. (SBU) Defense industry cooperation, once the strongest aspect of our military-to-military relationship, is in decline. No U.S. firm has won a contract to upgrade the Turkish military's equipment since 2001.
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